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**SUBJECT:** Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Income Guidelines (IGs) for 2011

Food and  
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**TO:** Regional Directors  
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This memorandum transmits the 2011 IGs to be used by State agencies in determining the eligibility of individuals applying to participate in CSFP. These guidelines are to be used in conjunction with CSFP regulations, at 7 CFR Part 247. Section 247.9(b)(1) establishes that household income limits for women, infants, and children must be at, or below, 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (Poverty Guidelines) published annually by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), but not below 100 percent of these guidelines. Section 247.9(b)(1) further requires State agencies to consider certain women, infants, and children as income-eligible regardless of actual income, including those individuals who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or Medicaid benefits. Section 247.9(c) requires that elderly persons have household income at or below 130 percent of the Poverty Guidelines in order to be eligible for the program. To establish annual income limits of 130 and 185 percent, the Poverty Guidelines are multiplied by 1.30 and 1.85, respectively, and the results are rounded up to the next whole dollar. From these results, weekly and monthly income limits are calculated.

The 2011 IGs in the attached tables contain the maximum income limits by household size to be used for eligibility determinations in CSFP. The first table contains the income limits for households residing in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. Separate income limits for Alaska and Hawaii are established and published annually by DHHS. The second table contains the income limits for CSFP households residing in Alaska.

Pursuant to program regulations, the 2011 elderly income guidelines must be implemented immediately upon receipt of this memorandum, and will remain in effect until notification of the income guidelines for 2012. Each CSFP State agency must implement the 2011 income guidelines for women, infants, and children at the same time that the State agency administering the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) implements the adjusted guidelines in WIC. These also remain in effect until notification of CSFP income guidelines for 2012.

CSFP regulations, at section 247.9(e)(1), define “income” as gross income before deductions for such items as income taxes, employees’ social security taxes, insurance premiums, and bonds. Sections 247.9(e)(2) and (e)(3) list income exclusions, and other income exclusions are provided via policy memoranda available online at the Food and Nutrition Service’s (FNS) website at <http://www.commodityfoods.usda.gov>.

State agencies should direct any questions they may have regarding the IGs to their FNS Regional Offices. Regional Offices should contact Michelle Waters or Ashley Bress at (703) 305-2662.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Cathie McCullough". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cathie" and last name "McCullough" clearly distinguishable.

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Attachment

**ATTACHMENT**  
**CSFP INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES--2011**

<b>48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA*</b>									
	<b>Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%</b>			<b>Women-Infants-Children - 185%</b>			<b>Elderly - 130%</b>		
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$10,890	\$20,147	\$388	\$1,679	\$1,180	\$273	\$14,157	\$1,180	\$273
2.....	14,710	27,214	524	2,268	1,594	368	19,123	1,594	368
3.....	18,530	34,281	660	2,857	2,008	464	24,089	2,008	464
4.....	22,350	41,348	796	3,446	2,422	559	29,055	2,422	559
5.....	26,170	48,415	932	4,035	2,836	655	34,021	2,836	655
6.....	29,990	55,482	1,067	4,624	3,249	750	38,987	3,249	750
7.....	33,810	62,549	1,203	5,213	3,663	846	43,953	3,663	846
8.....	37,630	69,616	1,339	5,802	4,077	941	48,919	4,077	941
<b>For each add'l household member, add...</b>	3,820	7,067	136	589	414	96	4,966	414	96

<b>ALASKA*</b>									
	<b>Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%</b>			<b>Women-Infants-Children - 185%</b>			<b>Elderly - 130%</b>		
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$13,600	\$25,160	\$484	\$2,097	\$1,474	\$340	\$17,680	\$1,474	\$340
2.....	18,380	34,003	654	2,834	1,992	460	23,894	1,992	460
3.....	23,160	42,846	824	3,571	2,509	579	30,108	2,509	579
4.....	27,940	51,689	995	4,308	3,027	699	36,322	3,027	699
5.....	32,720	60,532	1,165	5,045	3,545	818	42,536	3,545	818
6.....	37,500	69,375	1,335	5,782	4,063	938	48,750	4,063	938
7.....	42,280	78,218	1,505	6,519	4,581	1,057	54,964	4,581	1,057
8.....	47,060	87,061	1,675	7,256	5,099	1,177	61,178	5,099	1,177
<b>For each add'l household member, add...</b>	4,780	8,843	171	737	518	120	6,214	518	120

\*CSFP State agencies must implement the adjusted income guidelines for elderly applicants immediately upon receipt. For women, infants, and children applicants, each CSFP State agency must implement the adjusted guidelines at the same time that the WIC State agency implements the adjusted guidelines in WIC.